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**JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021.**

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of  
allegiance.

## *Resolutions.*

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Representatives Muratore of Plymouth, Cutler of Pembroke and LaNatra of Kingston) commending Monica Lyden Mullin of her many years of dedicated service to the Commonwealth upon the occasion of her retirement, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Monica  
Lyden  
Mullin.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

## *Petitions.*

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Arciero of Westford and Senator Kennedy, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4196) of James Arciero (by vote of the town) that the town of Westford be authorized to issue one additional license for sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in said town. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Westford,—  
liquor  
license.

By Representative Haddad of Somerset and Senator Rodrigues, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4197) of Patricia A. Haddad, Michael J. Rodrigues and Steven S. Howitt (by vote of the town) that the town of Swansea be authorized to enter into a lease agreement for Medeiros Farm;

Swansea,—  
Medeiros  
Farm.

By Representative Hogan of Stow and Senator Cronin, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4198) of Kate Hogan and John J. Cronin (by vote of the town) relative to establishing a select board in the town of Bolton; and

Bolton,—  
select  
board.

By Mr. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4199) of Norman J. Orrall (by vote of the town) for legislation to amend the charter of the town of Middleborough.

Middleborough,—  
charter.

Severally to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Mark of Peru presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Paul W. Mark relative to solar distribution; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Solar  
distribution.

*Papers from the Senate.*

A Bill authorizing the city of New Bedford to convey certain land acquired for open space and play ground [sic] purposes (Senate, No. 29) (on House, No. 3944) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

New Bedford,—  
playground  
land.

A report of the committee on Public Service, asking to be discharged from further consideration of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1772) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation,— and recommending that the same be referred to the committee on Transportation,— accepted by the Senate, was considered forthwith, under Rule 42; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Transportation  
department,—  
board of  
directors.

Petitions severally were referred, in concurrence, under suspension of Joint Rule 12, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2551) of Susan L. Moran, Adam G. Hinds and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to empower towns and cities to protect residents and the environment from harmful pesticides; and

Pesticides,—  
municipal  
protections.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2552) of Susan L. Moran for legislation to protect the Upper Cape water supply reserve;

Upper Cape  
water supply.

Severally to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2553) of Susan L. Moran, Kathleen R. LaNatra, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to enhance child care relief. To the committee on Revenue.

Child care.

*Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Cara Veremko relative to appeals from the decisions of clerk-magistrates. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Ms. Garlick of Needham, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on the Judiciary. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Clerk-  
magistrates.

By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, for the committee on Financial Services, asking to be discharged from further consideration:

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 675) of Cindy F. Friedman, Julian Cyr, Susannah M. Whipps, Sal N. DiDomenico and others for legislation relative to mental health parity implementation; and

Mental health  
parity,—  
insurance.

Of the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1041) of Ruth B. Balser and others relative to mental health or substance use disorder insurance benefits;

Id.

And recommending that the same severally be referred to the committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Orders of the Day.*

The Senate Bill regulating the terms of members of the zoning board of appeals in the city of Somerville (Senate, No. 1340), reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

Third reading bill.

House bills

Authorizing the Hampshire County Regional Housing Authority to convey a certain parcel of land in the town of South Hadley to the South Hadley Housing Authority (House, No. 2144); and

Third reading bills.

Authorizing the town of Sandisfield to continue the employment of employees subject to mandatory retirement (House, No. 3856);

Severally reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

*Order.*

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

*Ordered,* That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet tomorrow at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

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At sixteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following day at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.